

WHAT CONGRESS HAS DONE.
THE SESSION'S WORK REVIEWED.
CONSTRUCTION TO NECESSARY LEGISLATION BY THE SENATE.

AN UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF IMPORTANT BILLS PASS THE COMMITTEE STAGE, BUT ARE "HELD UP" BY THE DEMOCRATIC-POPULIST COMBINATION—BILLS ENACTED AND REPORTED.

Washington, June 6. (Special).—The first session of the 47th Congress has not been a fruitful or exceptionally profitable one in respect to general legislation. Although an unusually large number of important measures have passed the committee stage, and many of them have also passed the House, the Senate has prevented the writing of these bills into law. The measures in the statute book are the result of the action of the House, and the Senate has not only prevented the writing of these bills into law, but has also prevented the writing of many other bills into law. The Senate has not only prevented the writing of these bills into law, but has also prevented the writing of many other bills into law.

THE STUBBORN SENATE.

The trouble has been still further aggravated by a strong disposition on the part of the Senate, which has refused to do anything to relieve the situation. The Senate has not only prevented the writing of these bills into law, but has also prevented the writing of many other bills into law. The Senate has not only prevented the writing of these bills into law, but has also prevented the writing of many other bills into law.

HELD UP IN THE SENATE.

The subsequent history of these measures is known to everybody. For the latter a substitute was passed by the Senate, providing for the free and unlimited use of silver, and action upon the former was predicted by a combination of Democrats and Populists. On February 12 and again on February 26 the Senate refused to consider the bill, and on both occasions the "sound money" Democrats, free silver Democrats and Populists contributed enough votes to prevent consideration, although it is true that they received the unnecessary assistance of four free silver Republicans on February 12 and five on February 26. It seemed to be impossible for any Democratic Senator to rise above the lowest partisan level in order to assist in passing a temporary emergency measure to replenish the revenue, while, at the same time, it was easy and agreeable for the "sound money" Administration Democratic Senator to place himself cheek-by-jowl with the free silver Democrat and the Populist in order to prevent even the consideration of such a measure. So surely will the Democratic instinct assert itself on an economic proposition.

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TO HAVRE IN A ROWBOAT.

TWO NORWEGIAN SAILORS START ON A PERILOUS TRIP.

THEY EXPECT TO PULL SAFELY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC INSIDE OF SIXTY DAYS, BUT OLD SALT'S THINK THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO REACH DAVEY JONES'S LOCKER.

Two Norwegian sailors, George Harbo and Frank Samuelson, yesterday started in a small rowboat on a voyage which will end either at Havre or in Davy Jones's locker—more probably the latter. Harbo evidently knew his chances. As he pushed out from the basin at the Battery he cried back to the assembled newspaper men: "We'll get to the other side or meet you all in Hades." It was not surprising that the reporters, who showed what courage the sailors were steering. Harbo is twenty-seven and Samuelson thirty-one years old, and both have followed the sea most of their lives. Lately they have been fishermen on the Jersey coast. They conceived the idea of making a voyage across the Atlantic in a boat without sails, and making a fortune afterward by exhibiting their craft and spinning the yarn of the trip across.

Their vessel is known as a four and half clinker, and is 18 feet 4 inches in length, 5 feet beam, and when loaded draws about eight inches of water. The men weigh together about 300 pounds, and they carried 200 pounds of canned goods, sixty gallons of water and five gallons of oil. These stores are expected to last them sixty days, by the end of which time the hardy voyagers expect to have reached Havre, France, their destination. The men expect to make fifty to sixty miles a day, but the Battery boatmen, no mean sailors themselves, say that they will be lucky if they are picked up and brought back by an incoming vessel before they go 100 miles outside Sandy Hook. "If they want to hand in der chips," said Pegleg Connor, "why don't they do it in der right way, and hire a room?" The other sailors of the Battery agree with Pegleg in the belief that the men, if they are in earnest about their trip, are simply committing suicide. The Fox, of Newport, as the vessel has been named, is equipped with four pairs of oars, a drag anchor and an outfit of canvas to keep out the water. It is the crew's intention to row the entire distance of 3,200 miles, taking turns in sleeping.

A thousand or more people gathered on the Battery seawall to bid the men good-bye, and they were subjected to a great deal of good-natured kidding. A touch of sentimentality was added by the scene between Samuelson and his sister Lena. Lena was certain that she would never see her hardy brother again, and she wept copiously, notwithstanding his assurances that the Fox was safer than the St. Paul.

A TESTIMONIAL TO COL. DE FRECE.

IT IS PRESENTED TO HIM AT THE MEETING OF THE ALUMNI OF NEW-YORK UNIVERSITY.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the New-York University, was held yesterday afternoon in Gymnasium Hall, University Heights. Trains from One-hundred-and-fifty-fifth, and from the Grand Central Station took the members out promptly on time to enjoy the annual reunion. The meeting was held in the hall of Colonel A. B. De Frece, who was the guest of honor. The meeting was held in the hall of Colonel A. B. De Frece, who was the guest of honor. The meeting was held in the hall of Colonel A. B. De Frece, who was the guest of honor.

JAPAN'S GROWING COMMERCE.

WHAT ROBERT P. PORTER LEARNED IN THE MIKADO'S LAND.

San Francisco, June 6.—Robert P. Porter, ex-Superintendent of the Census, returned from Japan on the steamer Peru yesterday. Mr. Porter's trip to the Empire of the Mikado was for the purpose of investigating the industrial conditions of that country with regard to the effect of Japanese competition on American products. He has returned with a mass of information, and he has also returned with a mass of information, and he has also returned with a mass of information.

ANOTHER BARBARY KID.

The kid born to the Aouda, or Barbary, will sheep, at Central Park, last Friday morning, has company of its own size now. The little stranger is the offspring of the second female Aouda, or, as Director Smith calls her, "Barbary Two." It is not known at this hour the youngster arrived, but it was born yesterday morning.

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POLITICIANS ARE ANGRY.

DISGUST WITH THE MAYOR'S CIVIL SERVICE ORDER.

TAMMANY MEN AND ALDERMEN ESPECIALLY INDIGNANT—THREATS TO CARRY THE MATTER INTO THE COURTS.

The transfer to the care and supervision of the Municipal Civil Service Board of 175 places under the city government, taking them from the exempt schedule and making them competitive, has thrown political bosses and workers into a high state of excitement. Especially are the Tammany men in deep distress over the order of Mayor Strong. The combined yearly salaries of the places put under the Civil Service regulations foot up about \$34,000. The amount per place runs from \$200 to \$3,000 a year.

SOME OF THE CHANGES.

The change takes away from political favoritism such important offices as those of Supervisor of the City Record and Chief Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, \$3,000 places now held by John A. Sticker and William H. Ten Eyck, respectively, secretary of the Health Department, \$4,000 a year, General Emmons (Clark), and these \$1,000 offices, general bookkeeper of the Finance Department, Isaac S. Barrett; water purveyor of the Department of Public Works, E. B. North; sanitary superintendent, Health Department, Dr. C. F. Roberts; attorney and counsel, Health Department, Henry Steinert; Superintendent Samuel Parsons, Jr., and T. H. Bean, Park Department, also, Dr. A. E. Macdonald, superintendent of hospitals, whose salary is \$1,000 a year.

THE PLAIN OF ALDERMAN WUND.

The Tammany men were loudest in declaring the change a sham and an outrage. The Tammany representative of the old XIVth District, Jacob C. Wund, saw in it only the decadence of the people's liberties and unavailing political cowardly.

WONT STAND ON A SILVER PLATFORM.

CONGRESSMAN TURNER OF VIRGINIA, DECLINES A RENOMINATION.

Washington, June 6.—Representative S. S. Turner, of the VIIIth Virginia Congress District, has written an open letter to his constituents, declining a renomination to Congress. Mr. Turner is reasonably certain of a good majority of delegates in the district convention, and consequently of renomination.

STATEMENTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

Assistant Corporation Counsel William L. Turner said that the order would not oblige office-holders in the newly classified service to pass old examinations. "The Mayor's order," he said, "affects only those who want places hereafter. Those who are in can stay in till they are removed, and heads of departments will not be in a hurry to remove them when they cannot select their successors."

REST FOR YOUNG WORKINGMEN.

The Seashore Cottage, established at North Long Branch, N. J., by Mrs. Fletcher Harper, Jr., to furnish a brief period of rest and recreation for young workingmen of this city at nominal rates, will be opened on June 15. The cottage is on the shore and has its own beach for surf bathing. There will be two occupants in each room, and they will be charged \$5 a piece for one week's board, or \$9 for two weeks, which is barely sufficient to pay the running expenses. Persons who desire to avail themselves of this opportunity should apply promptly before the 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. and 7 and 9 p. m. daily, except Saturday evenings and Sundays, when full entrance to No. 18 East Sixteenth Street, where full particulars will be furnished and railroad excursion tickets to the cottage provided at reduced rates.

OVERCOME BY THE HEAT.

Gustave Fritsch, a scissor-grinder, forty-four years old, of No. 90 Oliver-st., was prostrated by the heat about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. He was found staggering along Chambers-st. A policeman thought the man was intoxicated. Fritsch is a heavy man, and it was with much difficulty that the policeman and a citizen helped him to the Hudson Street Hospital, where Dr. Labbe said that Fritsch was overcome by the heat and had not been drinking.

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YALE CREW OFF FOR HENLEY

BENT ON THEIR WAY WITH PARTING CHEERS AND COLLEGE YELLS.

FRIENDS OF THE NEW-HAVEN MEN GATHER AT THE AMERICAN LINE PIER AND GIVE THE MEN ON THE BERLIN A GOOD SEND-OFF.

It was just 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning when the American Line steamship Berlin, after several futile efforts to gain the middle of the river, finally turned her nose downstream and started on her voyage across the ocean to Southampton, carrying with her all the hopes of Yale in the persons of the members of the crew who are to struggle for the glory of the old college at the Henley regatta next month. The Berlin also carried a large number of other passengers and her list was a long one.

A good many of the travellers were at the pier at the foot of Vesey-st. bright and early yesterday morning. About 9 o'clock a big four-hand from the Murray Hill Hotel was driven rapidly down the pier. Only a few minutes afterward another Murray Hill four-hand was driven up, and seated prominently on top were the members of the crew. Their reception at the pier was a very quiet one, and there was no cheering. The men did not linger on the pier for long. The ship was scheduled to leave at 10 o'clock, and after a few minutes spent in chat or in listening to the congratulations and good wishes of proud and eager friends, they walked

HOWARD GOULD DENIES THE CHARGE.

THE NIAGARA WATER TANKS NOT USED AS SHIPPING BALLAST—CRITICISM OF THE YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION'S LETTER.

London, June 6.—"The Field," in its issue of today, publishes the following undated letter from Howard Gould, in reply to a communication from the secretary of the Yacht Racing Association, with reference to the water tanks on Mr. Gould's yacht, the Niagara.

In your issue of the 30th ult., there appeared an article regarding the Niagara's water tanks, which, although it does not state how they might be used, implied that they could be used as shifting water ballast.

As the article might mislead some of your readers to the belief that the tanks are really for the purpose of both unportable and contrary to purpose, I desire to state emphatically that the tanks have never been used for water ballast or for any purpose whatever other than to carry water for the needs of the crew; also, that the Niagara is a racing yacht, and that the tanks are not used as shifting water ballast, and has always been used in that condition. Even if the tanks were used as shifting water ballast, it would be an advantage to the crew, as it would take eight or ten minutes for the water from one tank to run into the other through connecting pipes.

It may add that nearly all racing yachts built in America use tanks in preference to carrying water on each side of the cabin, and that the tanks on one side of a boat to the other. Had the committee advised me of their intention to visit the Niagara, I should have been glad to have met them aboard the Niagara, and added them in their investigation.

HOWARD GOULD.

DIXON KEMP'S LETTER, AS SECRETARY OF THE YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION, TO MR. GOULD READS AS FOLLOWS:

Dear Sir: A report was made to the Council of the Yacht Racing Association that your yacht Niagara was fitted with a water tank used for the purpose of shifting water ballast, and that these were connected by a pipe, so as to make it possible, by merely turning a cock, to run water from one tank into the other, and thus use them as shifting water ballast, which might be advantageous in certain cases. These members of the Council, who are in a position to examine the tanks, which they did immediately after the race of the Yacht, and they were afforded every facility by Captain Barr, the master of the Niagara, to do so.

On the contrary, their impression is the other way. They are of the opinion that the tanks are not used as shifting water ballast, and that it is desirable to make impracticable the run of the water from one tank to the other, which could hardly be done by a small alteration in the pipes. I should be glad to hear for the information of the Council, if this is the case.

DIXON KEMP.

These are the only letters which have passed between Mr. Gould and the secretary of the Yacht Racing Association. The statement called last night that Mr. Gould had replied to Secretary Kemp, asserting to the suggestions of the Council of the Yacht Racing Association that the tanks on the Niagara be disconnected, is contained in an editorial note in "The Field" making inquiry as to the originator of the charge made against the Niagara.

The "Yachtsman" severely comments on the action of the Council of the Yacht Racing Association in sending a letter to Mr. Gould inquiring whether his yacht Niagara was fitted with water tanks capable of being used for shifting ballast. The paper declares that the tanks of the Niagara could not be used for this purpose, and adds that the incident is a very unfortunate one. It further says that the sending of such a letter to a gentleman who has done so much for British yachting, and who is known to be an enthusiastic sportsman, is a disgrace to many yachtsmen to have been a gross insult.

TRIED SUICIDE IN HIS CELL.

Henry Tucker, of No. 35 East Eighteenth-st., was passing through Twenty-third-st., near Third-ave., yesterday afternoon, when he was apprehended by a law-looking man, who heaped for money. He said he was a mason, and could get a job if he only had car fare. The fellow pleaded so piteously that Tucker advanced the nickel. Then he watched to see if the man would get on a car. Instead of doing so he hurried to the nearest saloon and bought a glass of beer. This angered Tucker, and he got a policeman to arrest the man for being a professional beggar. He was taken to the East Twenty-second-st. station and locked up in a cell. He said he was a mason, and could get a job if he only had car fare. The fellow pleaded so piteously that Tucker advanced the nickel. Then he watched to see if the man would get on a car. Instead of doing so he hurried to the nearest saloon and bought a glass of beer. This angered Tucker, and he got a policeman to arrest the man for being a professional beggar. He was taken to the East Twenty-second-st. station and locked up in a cell.

CLOUDBURST AND FLOOD IN KANSAS.

Salina, Kan., June 6.—Gypsum City, a small town seven miles southeast of here, was visited by a cloudburst about midnight on Thursday. The town was flooded and people were compelled to flee from their homes. Water was running through the main street two feet deep yesterday. Farms along Gypsum Creek are covered with from four to ten feet of water, and the farmers are leaving their houses in boats. At Brookville, eighteen miles west, the water is nearly as bad. John Curtis, his wife and three children and the family of a railroad man on the game of Shuck nearly escaped drowning.

NEW COLLEGE TO RACE AT HENLEY.

THE EIGHT NOW HAS THE POSITION OF HEAD BOAT ON THE RIVER.

"The London Field," in a recent issue, says that New-College, Oxford, has decided to enter its eight for the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley, for which the Yale eight will also compete. The New College crew won the position of head boat on the river in

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